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Acalephæ, by Mr. Alexander Agassiz, has been printed and distributed. The third number will contain Professor Agassiz's Report on the Coral Reefs of Florida, originally prepared for the use of the Coast Survey, the latter part of which will be finished by Mr. Theodore Lyman.

Collections of several classes of animals have been sent to naturalists, abroad and at home, for study and identification, many of which were sent from the Brazilian Expedition, though unfortunately lost.

The practice of scattering among naturalists the material for study, a system now pursued by nearly all museums, public and private, illustrates the mutual dependence of museums, and those engaged in the study of science. The benefits are not local, but are shared by all, and not in one country alone, but throughout the scientific world. Thus, a large museum carried on in the interests of the highest education, must do much towards uniting all men in interpreting the marvels of creation.

Already in this country the value of maintaining large museums is widely felt. We cannot afford to stint any of our educational institutions. We cannot have too many scientific schools, or too many museums, and money applied to their endowment will surely tend to enrich the nation, as well as advance good learning and the broadest culture.

THE AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL AND GAZETTE. Edited and published monthly, by *Samuel Wagner*, Washington, D. C. 8vo, \$2 a year.

With the July number this important journal begins a new volume, and in an improved dress. It has been steadily gaining in interest and permanent value. No bee-keeper, or student of insects, can do without this work. We hope the circulation will be largely increased, and that the growing interest in so remunerative a branch of agriculture as bee-keeping will enable it to be a success.

NATURAL HISTORY MISCELLANY.

BOTANY.

A SUPPOSED NEW COLUMBINE, AND A NEW OX-EYE DAISY. — On the 15th of May, 1866, I found on the heights west of the Hudson, and opposite the city of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., a cluster of wild Columbine (*Aquilegia*), with all the flowers of a delicate yellow color. I preserved a specimen for my herbarium, and sent a specimen, still fresh, to Professor Gray, of Harvard College. He wrote me that he had seen an approximation to this variety, "but never before one in which the